



*Weddings*  
AT  
*Lemore Manor*



**Welcome to Lemore Manor**

A Manor for all reasons, Lemore is the manor for your dream wedding. With freedom and flexibility and uncompromised luxury, this is your chance to hire a manor for your wedding. It is our philosophy to work alongside you, helping you to make the important decisions that will make your wedding very personal, while ensuring all the minor details are taken care of.

Lemore Manor dates back to the 17th Century and after extensive renovations in 2007 now offers extravagant accommodation throughout, yet still retains the original features that you would expect from a manor house of this era.

In the Heart of England, Lemore is situated near the Welsh border in fabulous surroundings, overlooking the Black Mountains, and offering couples a stunning backdrop to their stay.

To complement our excellent facilities and accommodation, we have an array of activities both on site and nearby to entertain friends and family from visiting therapists and hairdressers to treasure hunts and shooting – you can be sure there is something for everyone.

Exceptional cuisine is an important element to every celebration. Here at Lemore our chefs source fresh local ingredients where possible to create variety and choice, from home made fish and chips to traditional English fayre and seven course tastings to suit all manner of palates and budgets. Also available are drop-off gourmet meals – the choice is yours!

This is an extraordinary place, where you are in control and yet we are here to take care of you – so why not let us give you the key to our manor house so you can unlock your dreams!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Lemore Manor – a manor for all reasons.

Ben and Margaret Owen

*...this is it!*





**The Manor house itself offers the following facilities:**

- A bridal suite with a four-poster bed and en suite bathroom;
- 14 further bedrooms including 11 with en suite bathrooms;
- Superb adaptable dining room with seating for up to 45 guests ideal for both casual dining or grand banquets. (see table plan options);
- Two grand reception rooms, tastefully decorated with comfortable seating, open fire and chandeliers – perfect for pre-dinner drinks, general entertaining or just relaxing in style;
- A spacious hand-made country kitchen fully equipped for self-catering;
- Games room with Nintendo Wii games station;
- A cinema room;
- Beauty treatment room for use by our visiting beauticians;
- Hot tub;
- Lift access to all floors;
- 11 acres of grounds for countless outdoor activities;
- Ample parking.

The Coach House has a further four double bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as a self-contained kitchen.

**A rare find**

**The joy of a venue like Lefore Manor is the freedom, flexibility and privacy that it provides, coupled with enthusiastic individuals keen to ensure that every celebration is a great success.**

We can provide as many staff for you as you wish from daily cleaners and chauffeurs, to the dressing down of rooms and front of house – the choice is yours. Nothing is too much trouble and we recognise that plans can change at a moment's notice from altering dining times through to the place where vows are exchanged.

We think it is essential that you have time to enjoy the whole wedding experience as well as the company of your friends and family, without the time constraints often imposed by large hotels and club facilities. With this in mind we offer a 2 to 4-night break especially for wedding parties. Arriving on a Friday, couples have time to settle in and check on last minute arrangements before the big day as well as having the opportunity to host a pre-wedding dinner for their closest friends and family if they wish. With the option of a whole weekend to enjoy, celebrations can spill over to Sunday allowing everyone to revel in the aftermath of a great occasion. For those wishing to spend more time at Lefore, the surrounding Herefordshire countryside has much to offer, keeping everyone entertained. Alternatively some couples

may find that the midweek option suits them better. So from Tuesdays to Thursdays, we offer the same service as for a weekend ensuring that all requirements are taken into account and that every couple comes away smiling! For larger weddings we can cater for all of your reception guests both inside and outside. The main house and adjacent Coach House provide sleeping accommodation for up to 38 guests and is hired exclusively by the wedding party, to celebrate in style. Lefore was originally built as a home for entertaining many aristocrats in England and Wales and now we are privileged to be able to provide couples with a unique opportunity to host either a small and intimate wedding, a civil partnership, or a large informal celebration.



*Luxurious*



# The wedding ceremony



*The choice is yours, Lefore Manor has a licence to conduct Civil Ceremonies for marriages and civil partnerships on site or alternatively we have close links with a wealth of idyllic local churches for those preferring the more traditional route.*

## **Civil Ceremonies**

*Lefore's beautiful light filled Drawing Room provides the perfect setting for a gathering of up to 80 guests to witness civil wedding ceremonies for any couple. The room transforms from a comfortable lounge into an elegant ceremonial forum and can be used later for entertainment or returned to a comfortable lounge.*

*The Garden Room provides couples with a further option to host a small and intimate ceremony for up to 30 guests.*

*Alternatively couples may choose to perform their nuptials on the elegant front steps, under the watchful eye of Lefore's Huntsman dog which graces the imposing main entrance. Swathed in flowers and slightly elevated, this has proven to be the perfect place to exchange vows, so that all guests can witness the ceremony from seating set out on the front lawn.*

## **Local Churches**

*Lefore Manor has the enviable position of being located near a number of beautiful old churches, the nearest being St Mary's Church in the picturesque village of Almeley, a short drive away.*

*Transport to and from the church either by horse-drawn carriage, traditional wedding car or even a prestigious sports car can easily be arranged.*

## **The Lefore Manor Candle Ceremony**

*A memorable and significant addition to the traditional proceedings is Lefore's own Candle Ceremony, signifying not only the joining together of two people, but of two families. The respective mothers of the couple to be married both light a single candle and carry their candles down the aisle to the Registrar where they light the Wedding Candle together to start the ceremony.*

*Please make use of the wedding guidance notes that we have provided to help you with the legal requirements for both civil ceremonies and church arrangements.*

*intimate*



# Food for thought

**Lemore Manor offers a number of options for your reception. Consider the experience of a full tasting menu, a relaxed summer dish in Lemore's grounds or a hearty feast in front of open fires, our staff take pride in the service and attention to detail that they provide.**

## **Small and intimate or large and lavish?**

Within the Manor house itself the spacious dining room is perfect for a traditional wedding reception with seating for up to 45 guests and tables that can be arranged in a number of different configurations to suit your needs. (See table plan options).

Alternatively the dining room can also play host to a more informal hot or cold self-service arrangement with staff on hand for up to 80 guests.

The manicured lawns around the house and the well tended fields beyond the formal gardens provide further options for outdoor entertaining for up to 120 guests.

At all times it is our aim to ensure a happy and relaxed atmosphere.

## **Exceptional cuisine**

We offer a vast range of choices for your culinary needs. From a pre-wedding dinner and breakfast on the morning of your special day through to a spectacular wedding breakfast to suit any palate, our chefs can provide you with sumptuous food and drink throughout your stay. Children are also catered for with early tea and child-friendly wholesome menus on offer.

Locally sourced ingredients including, wine, beer, cheese and chocolate as well as organic meat and vegetables provide the basis for delicious mouth watering menus all of which can be adapted to your own personal tastes.

Nothing is too much trouble and your input is both welcomed and encouraged so that changes can be made to any menu, however trivial. (Sample menus can be provided on request).

# spoilt for choice





# *The finishing touches*

**We pride ourselves on being able to offer the most bespoke of weddings to every individual couple, and it is those finishing touches that personalise a wedding and can make it extra special.**

Consultation and advice can be given in all of the following areas:

- Guest favours
- Table plans
- Floral arrangements
- Wedding cake
- Master of Ceremonies
- Photographers
- Additional accommodation for those not staying in the Manor House or Coach House
- Extra catering requirements beyond the reception (brunch, dinner, children's meals, drop-off meals etc)
- Crèche services and children's entertainment
- Transport (from limousines to minibuses)
- Chauffeurs
- Helicopter landings in the grounds

Some memorable weddings that have already taken place at Lemore Manor including the 'Claridges Tea Party', the 'Highland Fling', the 'Gospel Choir' to announce the entrance of the bride, the 'Fleet of Sports Cars', and countless other personal touches that have differentiated one wedding from any other.

# *individual*



*Let's  
celebrate*

**Finding appropriate entertainment for a wedding can be just as important as choosing the flowers, the menu or even the venue!**

Lemore Manor has hosted numerous different types of entertainment during its history as a wedding venue and we can recommend the following options:

- Classical musicians – string quartets, soloists, gospel choirs, madrigal groups
- Jazz bands
- Harpist
- Tribute bands
- Ceilidh Bands
- Modern groups covering a range of artist's music
- Disco
- Steel band
- Digital Juke Box

Many other forms of in-house entertainment can also be arranged:

- Sporting activities – team games, archery, badminton, croquet
- Murder Mystery evening
- Themed treasure hunt
- Cartoonists
- Magicians
- Cinema room
- Fun casino tables

### **Let's boogie**

For smaller parties, the Drawing Room can be used for dancing while other more formal forms of entertainment can be enjoyed in the open hallway and throughout the reception rooms and dining room.

This is your wedding, so let us help you enjoy every aspect and provide your guests with the celebration that everyone will talk about for years to come!

*fun for all*



# Time to enjoy

**Spending time at Lemore Manor is all about relaxing in a beautiful setting while escaping the pressures of modern living.**

Delightful and quaint country pubs with open fires and beer gardens give you the perfect opportunity to stop on the way back from an afternoon of exertion and relish in the day's achievements, before returning to your manor house for a well earned rest and a delicious home cooked meal prepared on the premises.

For those of you less inclined to leave Lemore, there is plenty to keep you occupied on site. A fully equipped games room, our fabulous new cinema room with a range of films to choose from, a relaxing hot tub, a cosy snug room for some quiet time with the papers, a large comfortable TV room with Sky TV and open fire, a beauty room where you can enjoy some personal pampering by our lovely beauticians (to be booked in advance) and at the heart of it all, a spacious country kitchen with a warming stove where you can sit and chat over tea and home-made cakes.

## Fun for all your guests

Surrounded by 11 acres of glorious countryside in view of the Black Mountains, Lemore Manor has the perfect grounds for activities such as:

- Archery
- Treasure hunts
- Murder mystery evenings
- Croquet
- Boule
- Painting
- Laser Clay Shooting
- Badminton
- Field games (football, rounders, cricket)
- Woodland walks
- Pampering

In addition, this unique location is within easy driving distance of a whole host of outdoor activity centres:

- Clay pigeon shooting
- Go-karting
- Horse-trekking
- Kayaking
- Cycling
- Golf
- Fishing
- High Ropes and Low Ropes
- Paint balling
- Quad biking
- Gliding

**Whether you are considering a small intimate gathering, renewing old vows, or a larger traditional wedding, to us every celebration is unique, that's why we are on hand from the start to guide you through every detail. We never dictate, we just discuss and deliver.**

**Ben and Margaret**

# just for you





*Some secrets  
are better shared*

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